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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL German OS 195 08 715

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AL was identified and discussed at page 1 of the present application, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of that reference. Reference AL also was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application. A literal translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, the aforementioned statements in the specification constitute a summary of its teachings.

A copy of Reference AL together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AL. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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